

Duties and compensation of officers.

37. The city council shall have the power from time to time to require further and other duties of all officers whose duties are herein or in the charter prescribed, and to define and prescribe the powers and duties of all officers elected to any office under this act whose duties are not herein specially mentioned, and to fix their compensation when not herein fixed. It shall also require bonds to be given to said city by all officers for the faithful performance of their duties, and shall require a new bond from any officer whenever in the judgment of said council the existing bond is insufficient; and whenever such new bond is required of any officer, he shall perform no official act until such bond shall have been given and approved. The city council shall provide for the filling of vacancies in all offices not herein provided for, and in all cases of vacancy the same shall be filled only for the unexpired time.

Bonds of officers.

Vacancies.

Levy of tax.

38. The city council, at its first meeting in June of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, shall levy the annual tax for such year, but special taxes or assessments allowed by the charter may be levied, assessed, and collected at such times as the council in each case may prescribe. The city council shall have full power to provide by ordinance for the prompt collection of taxes assessed, levied, and imposed under the charter, and it is hereby authorized and to that end may and shall have full power and authority to sell or cause to be sold all kinds of property, real and personal, and may and shall make such rules and regulations and pass all ordinances deemed necessary to the levying, laying, imposing, assessing, and collecting of any taxes provided for in the charter. Unless otherwise provided for by this act and by ordinances passed thereunder, all property in such city liable to taxation shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of the general laws of the State, in so far as applicable.

Powers in collection of taxes.

Assessment of taxes.

Management and control of finances. General appropriations.

Special appropriations.

Payment of debt.

Refunding of debt.

39. The city council shall have the management and control of the finances of the city, except as otherwise herein provided. They shall have the power to appropriate money and provide for the payment of debts and expenses of the city; to provide by ordinances special funds for special purposes provided under the provisions of this charter and to make the same disbursable only for said purposes, and to impose proper penalties for enforcing the same; to provide by ordinance for the payment of any existing and outstanding indebtedness and for the payment of any bonds that may from time to time be issued. The city council shall also have the power to fund or refund by ordinance the whole or any part of the existing debts of the city, or any future debt, by acquiring and canceling evidences thereof, and to issue other bonds in lien thereof, either registered or coupon, bearing interest at a rate not greater than the original indebtedness, and to this end may apply the sinking fund belonging to any series of bonds so refunded, and may pay and retire any bond, using the sinking fund thereof.